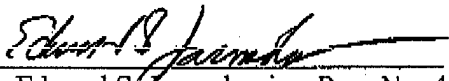


### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-21 have been canceled, and Claims 21-35 have been added. The specification has been amended consistent with the amendment filed in now-allowed parent application serial no. 09/929,324 on August 14, 2001. No new matter has been added, and all claims are supported by the original specification.

Accordingly, an action on the merits of pending Claims 21-35 is respectfully requested.

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